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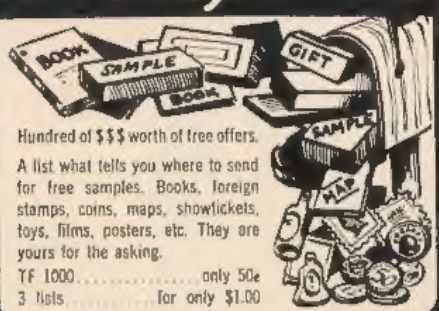

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ONE MORNING, ON A STREET IN METROPOLIS...
OKAY, BUSTER... DROP THOSE ROCKS!
SUPERMAN, EH? TRY AND STOP ME FROM TAKING THESE DIAMONDS!
JEWE
OKAY... IF YOU WON'T GO QUIETLY...
WHY SHOULD IT?
HUH? THAT BLOW DIDN'T EVEN BUDGE YOU!
MY PLANET IS SIMILAR TO YOUR HOME WORLD, KRYPTON! SO I HAVE YOUR POWERS!
BUT SINCE I'M TWICE YOUR SIZE, I'M ALSO TWICE AS STRONG AS YOU!
UHH... CAN'T BREAK... FREE!
WHO'S SMASHING WHO?
WHAMM!
SUDDENLY...
FEAR NOT, SUPERMAN! HERE COMES CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS, BUT I'LL SMASH IT WITH ONE SWAT!
GREAT KRYPTON!

NOW DO YOU GIVE UP, OR DO I HAVE TO GET TOUGH ?
I'M NO FOOL !
IF A LITTLE EARTHMAN CAN DO THAT TO ME, IMAGINE WHAT A BIG ONE WOULD DO ! I'M GETTING OFF THIS WORLD !
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SUPERMAN ?
ER... FINE, CAPTAIN !
BUT WHERE DO YOU COME FROM... AND HOW DID YOU GET THOSE POWERS ?
NEVER MIND ! JUST REST ASSURED I'LL BE AROUND WHENEVER YOU NEED ME !
NO... WAIT ! I WANT TO KNOW...
GREAT GUNS ! HE'S FLYING SO FAST EVEN I CAN'T CATCH HIM ! HOW COULD THAT SCRAWNY HALF-PINT BE STRONGER AND FASTER THAN ME ?
NEXT DAY, AS SUPERMAN WORKS AT THE DAILY PLANET IN HIS CLARK KENT IDENTITY...
FIRST THIS MYSTERIOUS CAPT. INCREDIBLE SHOWS UP... AND NOW LUTHOR HAS ESCAPED FROM PRISON ! EVERYTHING HAPPENS AT ONCE !
OH-OH ! THE PHONE !
BRRIIINNNGG!
LUTHOR IN JAILBREAK
KENT... I HAVE A TIP FOR YOUR PAL, SUPERMAN ! TELL HIM LUTHOR'S HIDEOUT IS IN THE SOUTHSIDE SECTION !
HOLD ON ! WHO ARE YOU ? HOW... ?

MOMENTS LATER, IN A STOCKROOM ...
THAT TIP MAY BE A PRANK... OR THE REAL THING! I'LL HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT!
NOBODY ELSE IS IN HERE, SO I CAN SWITCH TO... SUPERMAN!
AFTER A SWIFT FLIGHT TO THE SOUTHSIDE AREA...
I'LL CHECK EVERY HOUSE WITH MY X-RAY VISION!
NOTHING IN THIS ONE!
GREAT RINGS OF SATURN! I CAN'T SEE INTO THIS PLACE... IT'S LEAD-LINED!
I'LL TUNE IN ON IT WITH MY SUPER-HEARING!
YES, BOYS... I HAVE OUR NEXT JOB ALL PLANNED!
THAT'S LUTHOR'S VOICE, ALL RIGHT!
CRASSSH!
IT'S SUPERMAN!
IT WASN'T VERY SMART OF YOU TO LINE THIS PLACE WITH LEAD TO BLOCK MY X-RAY VISION, LUTHOR! THAT MADE IT STAND OUT LIKE A SNOWBALL IN A COAL BIN!
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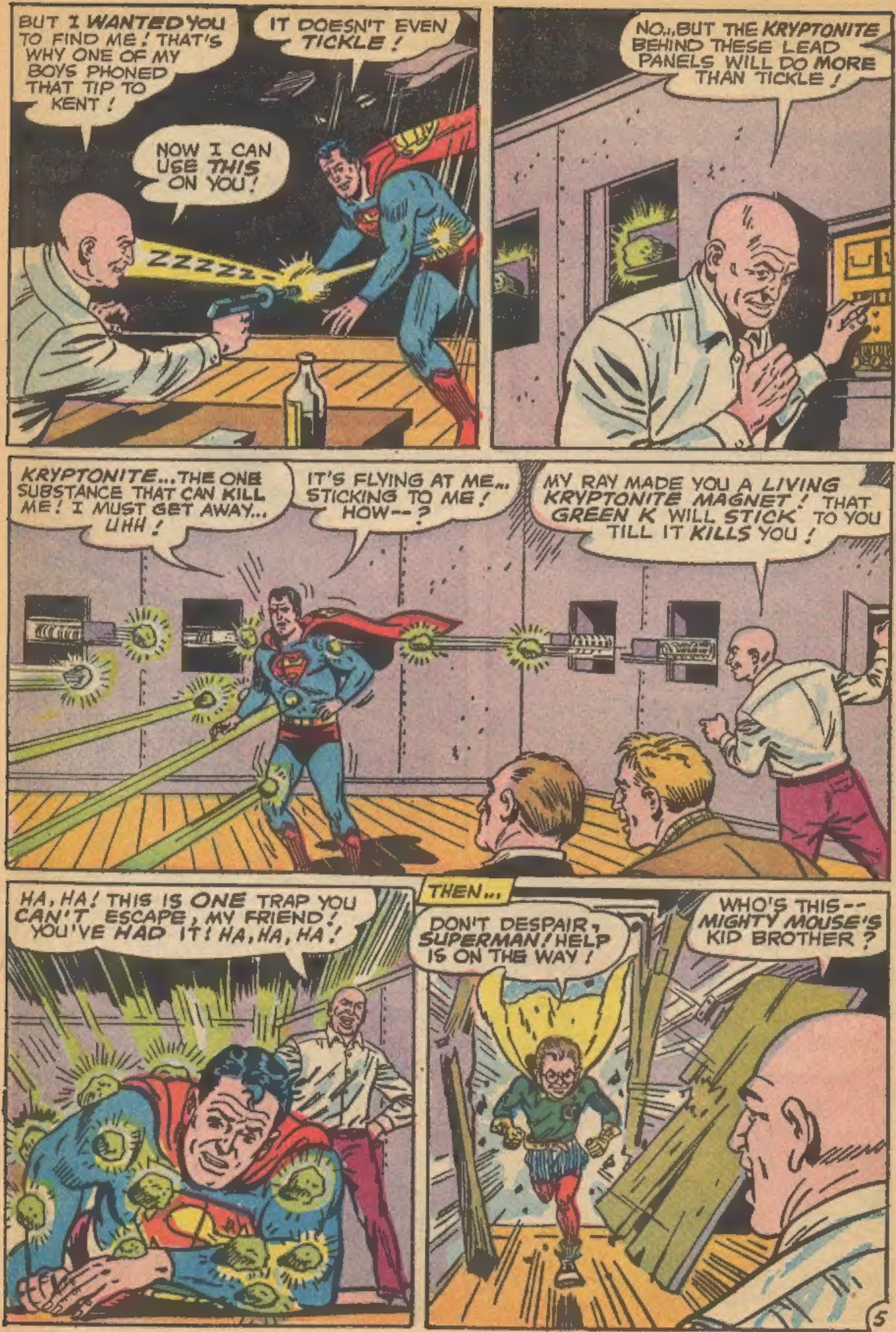
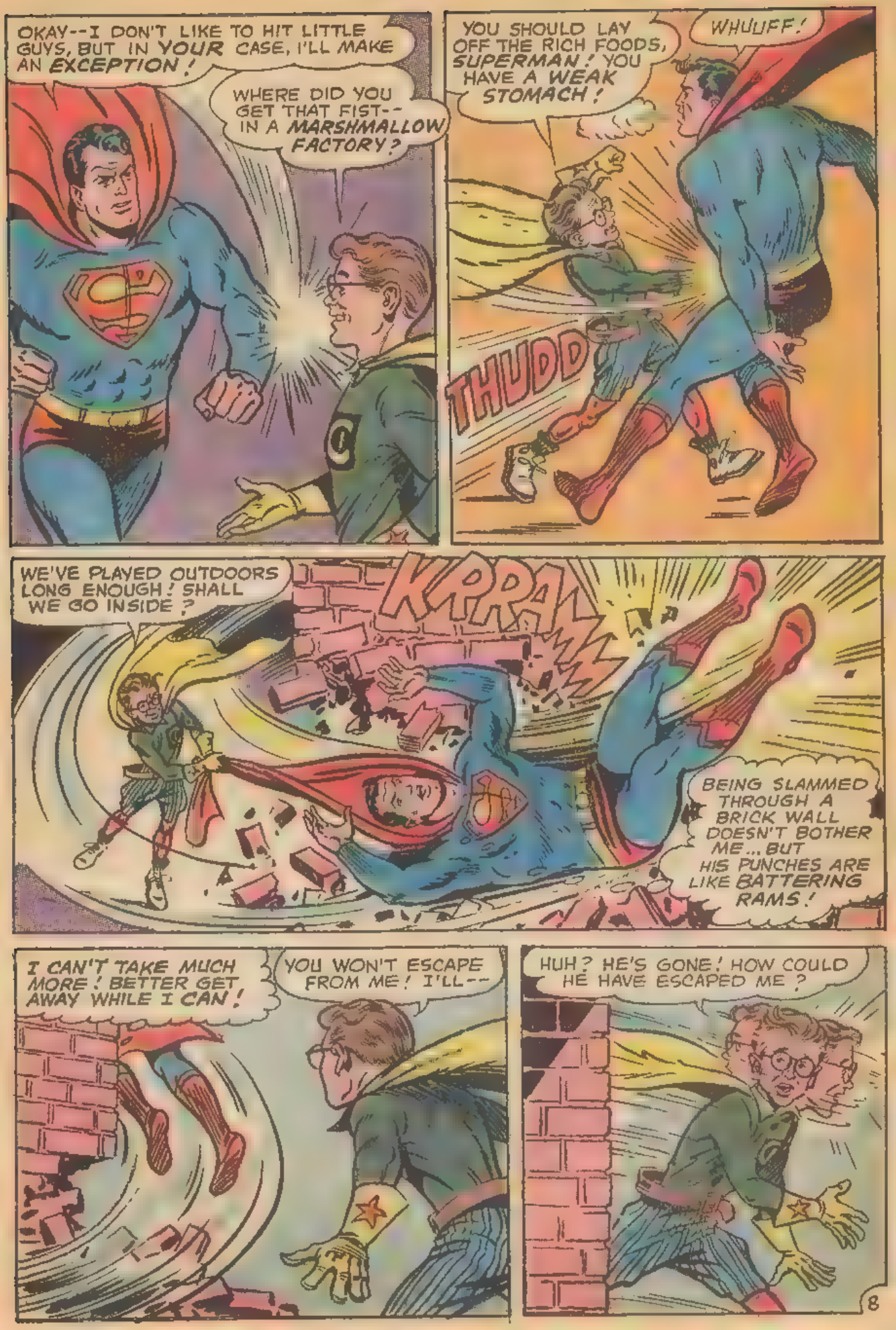
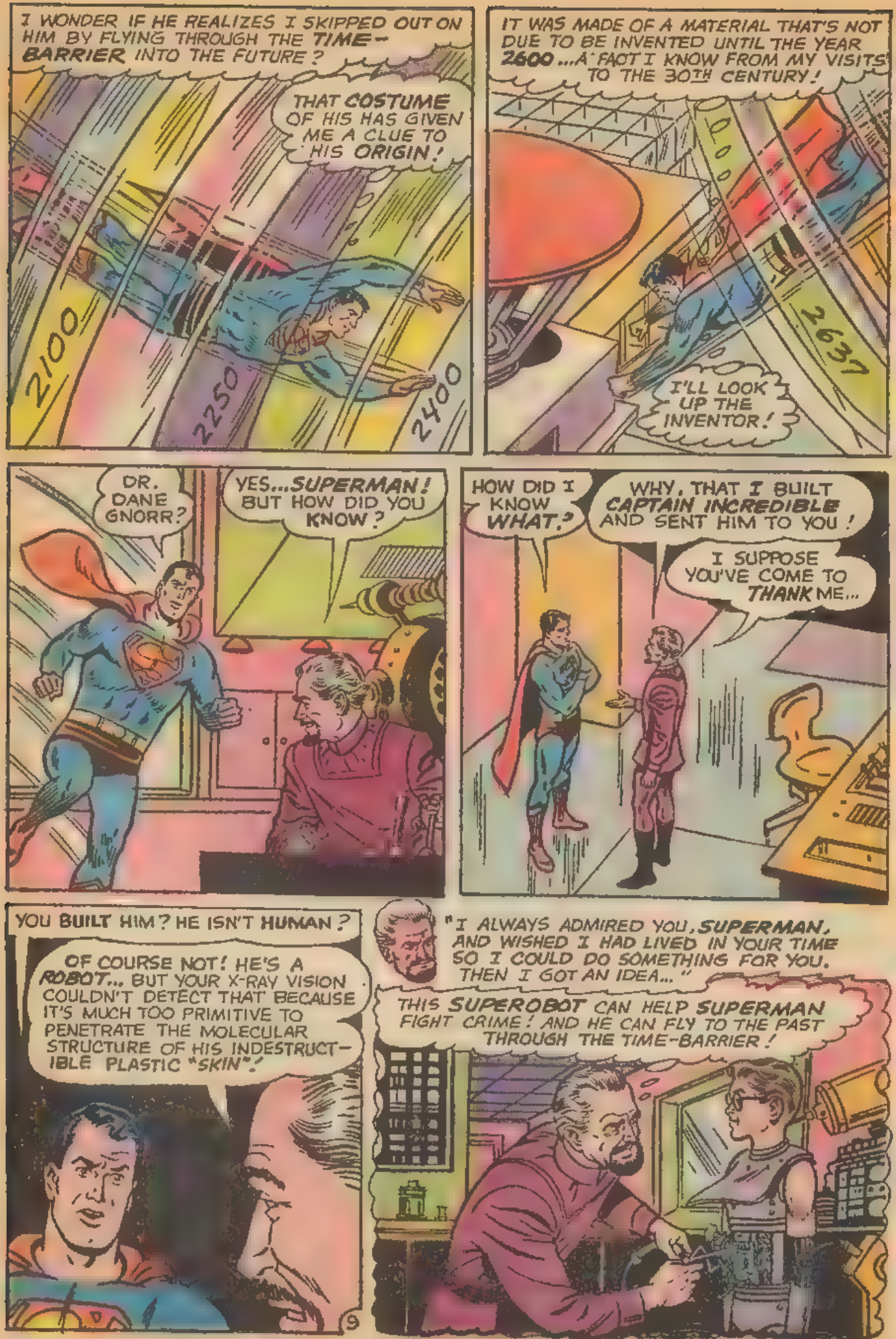

BUT I WANTED YOU TO FIND ME! THAT'S WHY ONE OF MY BOYS PHONED THAT TIP TO KENT!
IT DOESN'T EVEN TICKLE!
NOW I CAN USE THIS ON YOU!
ZZZZZ--
NO..,BUT THE KRYPTONITE BEHIND THESE LEAD PANELS WILL DO MORE THAN TICKLE!
KRYPTONITE...THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN KILL ME! I MUST GET AWAY... UHH!
IT'S FLYING AT ME.. STICKING TO ME! HOW--?
MY RAY MADE YOU A LIVING KRYPTONITE MAGNET! THAT GREEN K WILL STICK TO YOU TILL IT KILLS YOU!
HA, HA! THIS IS ONE TRAP YOU CAN'T ESCAPE, MY FRIEND! YOU'VE HAD IT! HA, HA, HA!
THEN...
DON'T DESPAIR, SUPERMAN! HELP IS ON THE WAY!
WHO'S THIS-- MIGHTY MOUSE'S KID BROTHER?
5

A BLAST OF MY ATOMIC BREATH WILL VAPORIZE THAT GREEN K INTO HARMLESS ATOMS!
PUFFF!
I'VE REVERSED THE RAY-DEVICE TO REMOVE THE MAGNETIC EFFECT!
THESE CROOKS WON'T ESCAPE! MY PARALYSIS VISION WILL SEE TO THAT!
ZZZZZZZZ!
BY THE TIME THEY CAN MOVE AGAIN, THEY'LL BE IN JAIL!
I'LL RETURN, SUPERMAN... WHEN YOU NEED ME.'
INCREDIBLE IS THE WORD FOR HIM, ALL RIGHT!
ATOMIC BREATH ... PARALYSIS VISION! HE HAS POWERS EVEN I DON'T HAVE!
BUT WHO IS HE... AND WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, WHENEVER THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE IS THE FIRST ON THE SCENE...
YOU NEEDN'T HAVE BOTHERED, SUPERMAN! I'VE ALREADY STOPPED THESE FLEEING BANDITS!
GREAT SPACE! HE'S PUTTING OUT THE BLAZING FUEL IN THAT TRUCK BY DRINKING THE FLAMING LIQUID!
FUEL OIL
6

AND SO, ONE DAY, AT THE PLANET OFFICES...
I HATED TO PRINT THAT STORY, CLARK, THOUGH IT SEEMS TO BE TRUE!
BUT I'LL BET WRITING IT WAS HARDER ON YOU! YOU'RE ONE OF SUPERMAN'S OLDEST FRIENDS!
DAILY PLANET
IS SUPERMAN WASHED UP? CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE TAKES OVER
IF PERRY ONLY KNEW! THAT PEEWEE POWERHOUSE IS MAKING ME LOOK LIKE A CHUMP!
BUT AS LONG AS HE'S DOING A GOOD JOB, I MUSTN'T GIVE WAY TO JEALOUSY!
NEVERTHELESS, SUPERMAN CONTINUES TO PATROL METROPOLIS ...
OH-OH! A WATER MAIN BURST RIGHT BELOW ME! THIS IS ONE TIME I'LL BEAT CAPT. INCREDIBLE TO THE PUNCH!
OOPS! I SPOKE TOO SOON!
ONE BLAST OF MY SUPER-HEAT VISION WILL TURN THE WATER TO HARMLESS VAPOR AND ALSO SEAL THE BROKEN PIPE BENEATH!
IT WILL ONLY TAKE A SECOND TO REPAIR THE SIDEWALK WITH A LITTLE SUPER-PRESSURE! NOW I HAVE ONLY ONE MORE THING TO DO!
WHAT'S THAT?
KILLING YOU, SUPERMAN!
KRAK!
UFFF!


OKAY--I DON'T LIKE TO HIT LITTLE GUYS, BUT IN YOUR CASE, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
WHERE DID YOU GET THAT FIST-- IN A MARSHMALLOW FACTORY?
YOU SHOULD LAY OFF THE RICH FOODS, SUPERMAN! YOU HAVE A WEAK STOMACH!
WHUUFF!
THUDD
WE'VE PLAYED OUTDOORS LONG ENOUGH! SHALL WE GO INSIDE?
KRRAM!
BEING SLAMMED THROUGH A BRICK WALL DOESN'T BOTHER ME... BUT HIS PUNCHES ARE LIKE BATTERING RAMS!
I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE! BETTER GET AWAY WHILE I CAN!
YOU WON'T ESCAPE FROM ME! I'LL--
HUH? HE'S GONE! HOW COULD HE HAVE ESCAPED ME?


I WONDER IF HE REALIZES I SKIPPED OUT ON HIM BY FLYING THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER INTO THE FUTURE?
THAT COSTUME OF HIS HAS GIVEN ME A CLUE TO HIS ORIGIN!
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IT WAS MADE OF A MATERIAL THAT'S NOT DUE TO BE INVENTED UNTIL THE YEAR 2600...A FACT I KNOW FROM MY VISITS TO THE 30TH CENTURY!
2637
I'LL LOOK UP THE INVENTOR!
DR. DANE GNORR?
YES...SUPERMAN! BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW?
HOW DID I KNOW WHAT?
WHY, THAT I BUILT CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE AND SENT HIM TO YOU!
I SUPPOSE YOU'VE COME TO THANK ME...
YOU BUILT HIM? HE ISN'T HUMAN?
OF COURSE NOT! HE'S A ROBOT... BUT YOUR X-RAY VISION COULDN'T DETECT THAT BECAUSE IT'S MUCH TOO PRIMITIVE TO PENETRATE THE MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF HIS INDESTRUCTIBLE PLASTIC "SKIN"!
"I ALWAYS ADMIRED YOU, SUPERMAN, AND WISHED I HAD LIVED IN YOUR TIME SO I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR YOU. THEN I GOT AN IDEA..."
THIS SUPEROBOT CAN HELP SUPERMAN FIGHT CRIME! AND HE CAN FLY TO THE PAST THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!
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"EVEN I WAS ASTONISHED AT THE FINISHED PRODUCT..."
FANTASTIC! YOUR LIGHTEST PUNCH SMASHED THE MACHINE MEANT TO MEASURE ITS FORCE!
I'VE GIVEN YOU POWERS SUPERMAN DOESN'T EVEN HAVE! YOU'RE MIGHTIER THAN HE IS IN EVERY WAY!
"THEN I SENT CAPT. INCREDIBLE OFF ON HIS MISSION..."
FLY TO THE 20TH CENTURY AND HELP SUPERMAN! ACT AS HIS BODYGUARD!
YOUR SMALL SIZE AND ABSURD COSTUME WILL FOOL CRIMINALS INTO THINKING YOU'RE HARMLESS AND YOU CAN TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE! YOU WILL CALL YOURSELF CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE!
I PROGRAMMED HIM TO RESPECT AND AID YOU!
THEN WHY DID HE TRY TO KILL ME?
KILL YOU? IMPOSSIBLE!
QUICKLY, THE SCIENTIST CHECKS HIS PLANS, AND...
HERE IT IS... THE SUPEROBOT'S ONE WEAK SPOT! THE STRAIN OF BREAKING THE TIME-BARRIER CAUSED A DELAYED EFFECT WHICH REVERSED THE PROGRAMMING!
THAT'S WHY HE NOW HATES ME, EH?
YES! BUT A RETURN TRIP THROUGH THE BARRIER WOULD PROBABLY STRAIGHTEN HIM OUT!
THEN I KNOW JUST WHAT TO DO! GOODBYE, DOCTOR!
I'LL HAVE TO DECOY CAPT. INCREDIBLE BACK TO THE 27TH CENTURY... BUT IT WILL MEAN MEETING HIM IN HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT AGAIN!
HE'LL TRY TO KILL ME... AND WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS HE CAN DO IT!
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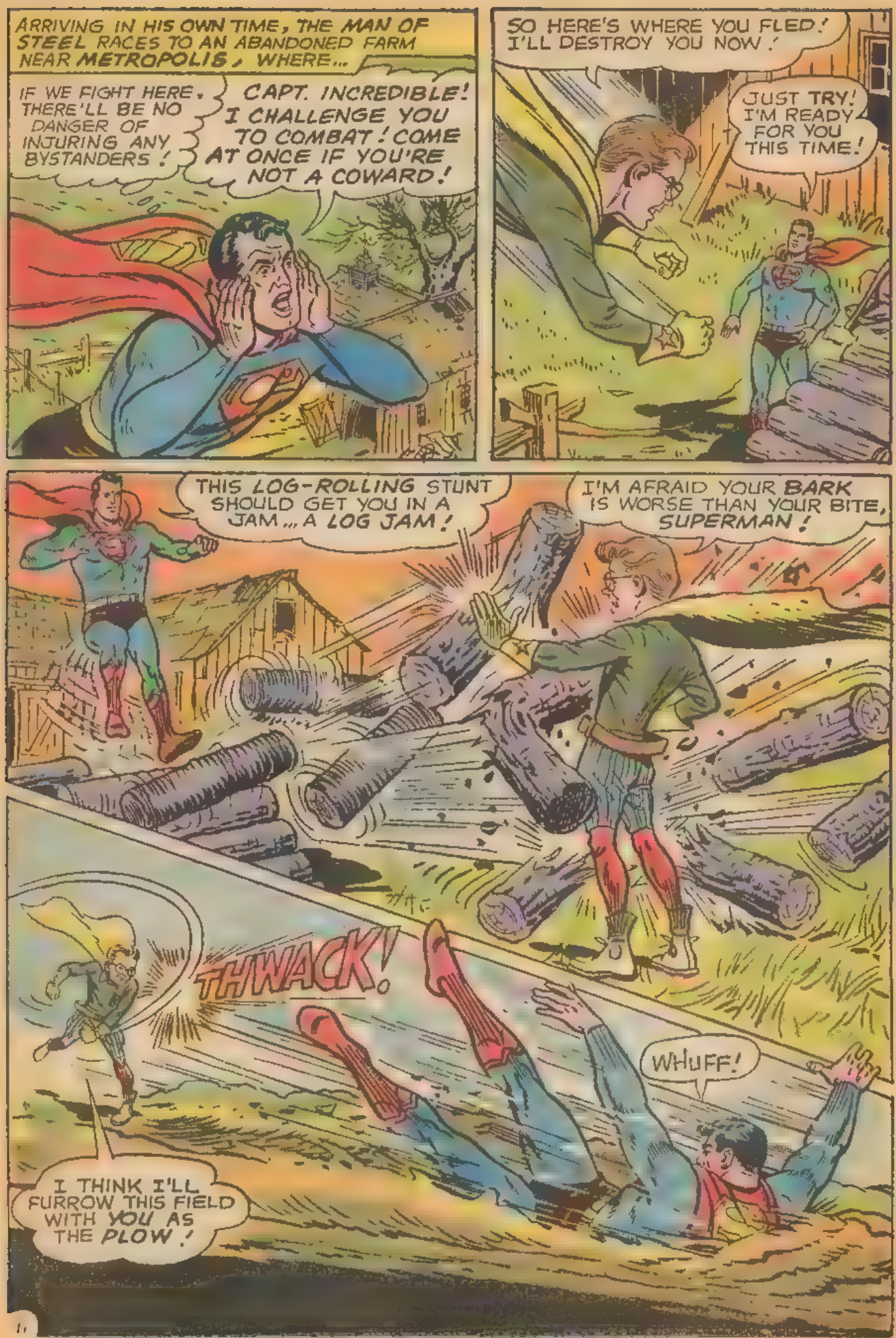
ARRIVING IN HIS OWN TIME, THE MAN OF STEEL RACES TO AN ABANDONED FARM NEAR METROPOLIS, WHERE...
IF WE FIGHT HERE, THERE'LL BE NO DANGER OF INJURING ANY BYSTANDERS!
CAPT. INCREDIBLE! I CHALLENGE YOU TO COMBAT! COME AT ONCE IF YOU'RE NOT A COWARD!
SO HERE'S WHERE YOU FLED! I'LL DESTROY YOU NOW!
JUST TRY! I'M READY FOR YOU THIS TIME!
THIS LOG-ROLLING STUNT SHOULD GET YOU IN A JAM... A LOG JAM!
I'M AFRAID YOUR BARK IS WORSE THAN YOUR BITE, SUPERMAN!
THWACK!
WHUFF!
I THINK I'LL FURROW THIS FIELD WITH YOU AS THE PLOW!

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WITH THAT?
RRRIPP
I'M JUST GOING TO FENCE YOU IN, LITTLE DOGIE!
I'M GETTING TIRED OF THIS HORSE PLAY. IT'S TIME FOR THE LAST ROUND-UP! I'M GOING TO FINISH YOU OFF!
THIS IS MY CUE TO TURN TAIL!
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE ME... NOT EVEN BY FLYING THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER!
HERE'S HOPING THE DOC WAS RIGHT! IF NOT... I'M COOKED!
AS THE TWO EMERGE FROM THE TIME-DIMENSION IN THE 27TH CENTURY...
HUH?..WHY WAS I TRYING TO HARM YOU, SUPERMAN? I'M SUPPOSED TO BE YOUR HELPER!
WHEW!..IT WORKED!
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, CAPTAIN!
THERE IS A MALFUNCTION IN YOUR CIRCUITS! WHEN YOU FLEW THROUGH THE TIME-BARRIER, IT CAUSED A DELAYED REACTION THAT MADE YOU HATE ME!
OH NO!
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OH, YES! YOU'RE WORSE THAN USELESS TO ME! RETURNING TO YOUR OWN TIME STRAIGHTENED YOU OUT, BUT ANOTHER TIME-TRIP WOULD MAKE YOU A MENACE AGAIN!
THAT... MUSTN'T HAPPEN!
THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION... THE SCRAP HEAP! I'LL HAVE TO BE... DISMANTLED!
HMM... MAYBE NOT. FOLLOW ME... I HAVE AN IDEA!
SOON, IN DR. GNORR'S LAB...
YOU'RE RIGHT! INSTEAD OF JUNKING HIM, I CAN SIMPLY RE-PROGRAM HIM!
I'M SURE IT WILL BE BETTER FOR ALL OF US!
THANK YOU, SUPERMAN! NOW I CAN STILL HAVE A CAREER AS A SUPER-CRIME-FIGHTER!
AND WITHOUT RUINING MY CAREER!
AND SO CAPT. INCREDIBLE AGAIN BECOMES THE SCOURGE OF LAWBREAKERS... BUT IN THE 27TH CENTURY!
HERE ARE THE URANIUM THIEVES, OFFICERS!... OUT OF THEIR GETAWAY CRAFT AND INTO THE POLICE FLYER!
A GUY JUST CAN'T MAKE A DISHONEST BUCK WITH CAPTAIN INCREDIBLE AROUND!
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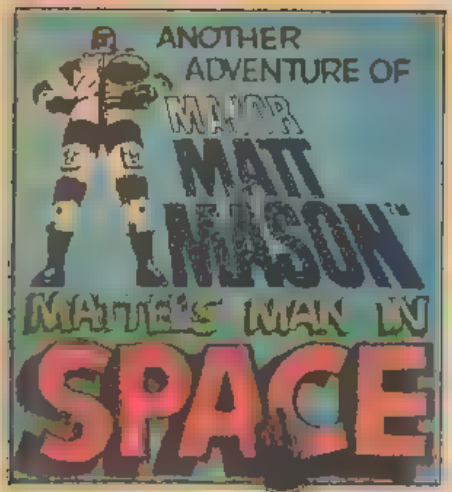
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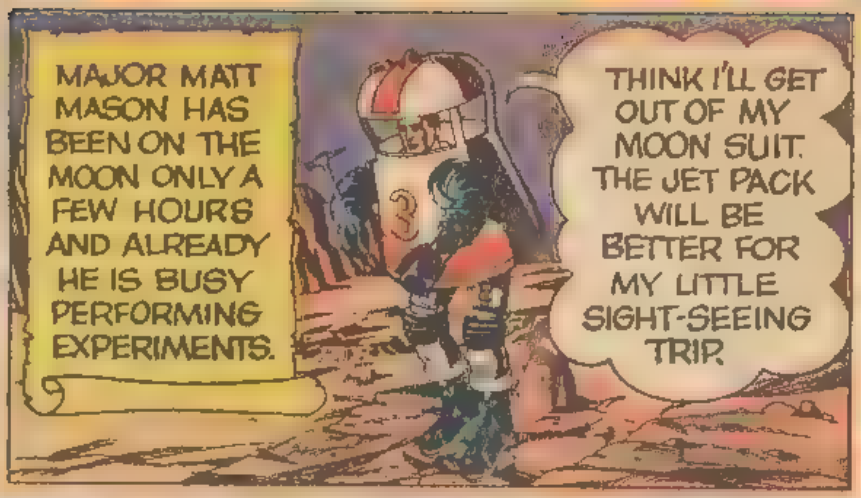
MAJOR MATT MASON HAS BEEN ON THE MOON ONLY A FEW HOURS AND ALREADY HE IS BUSY PERFORMING EXPERIMENTS.
THINK I'LL GET OUT OF MY MOON SUIT. THE JET PACK WILL BE BETTER FOR MY LITTLE SIGHT-SEEING TRIP.

LATER...
HMMM..... I WONDER WHY ALL THAT DUST IS RISING FROM THAT CRATER THERE?

I'D BETTER COME BACK HERE WITH THE SPACE CRAWLER AND INVESTIGATE!

WHOOOSH

I THINK I'LL JUST CLIMB UP HERE AND...

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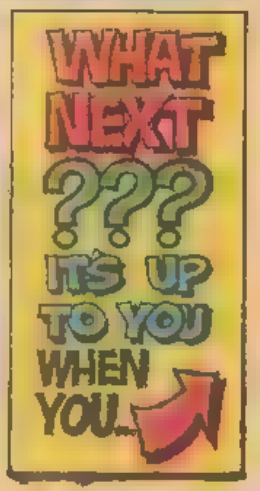
YYYNNN
SOMETHING'S PULLING ME DOWN!

THIS STRANGE FORCE! GOT TO OVERCOME IT OR.....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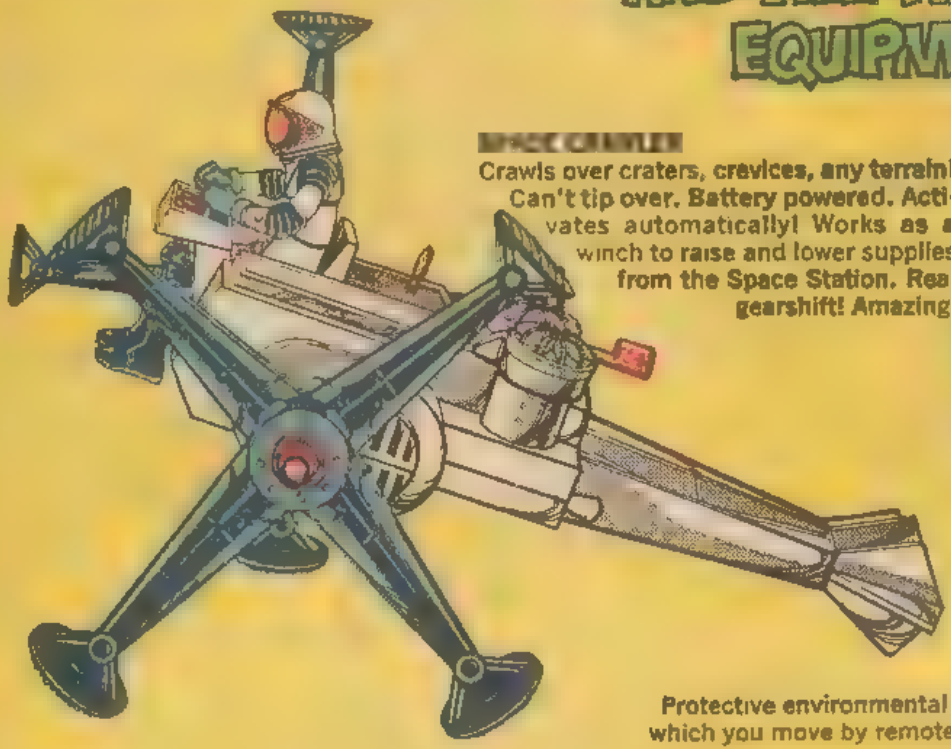

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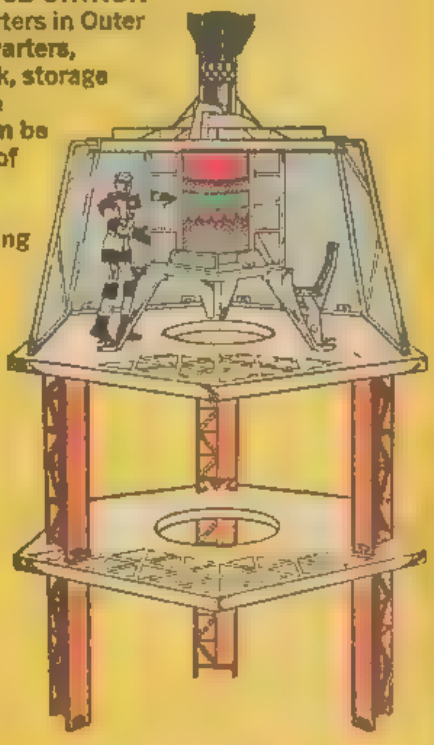

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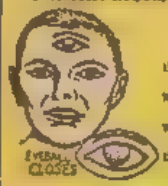

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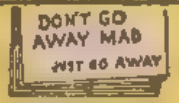

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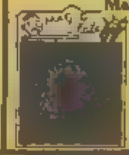

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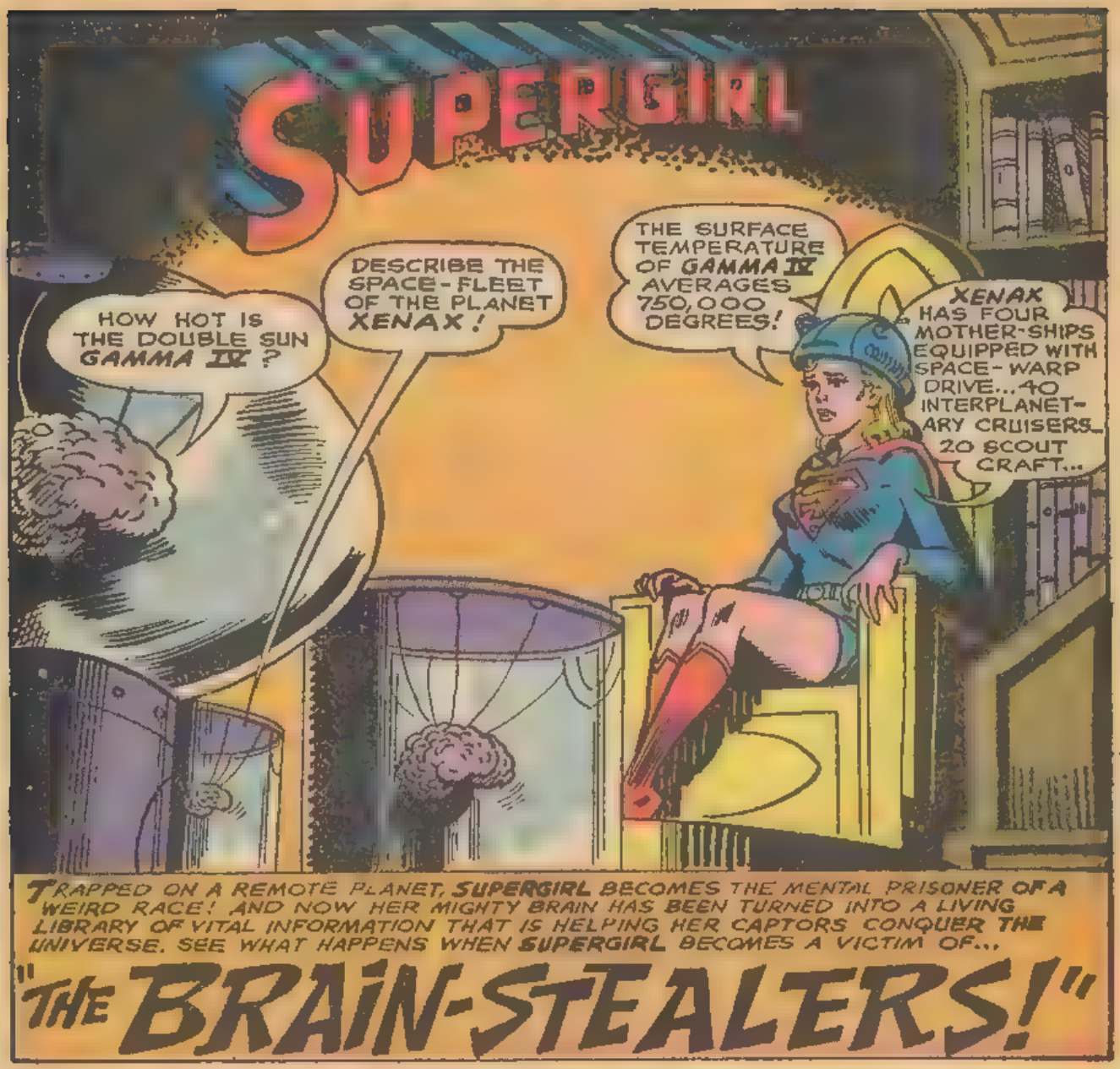
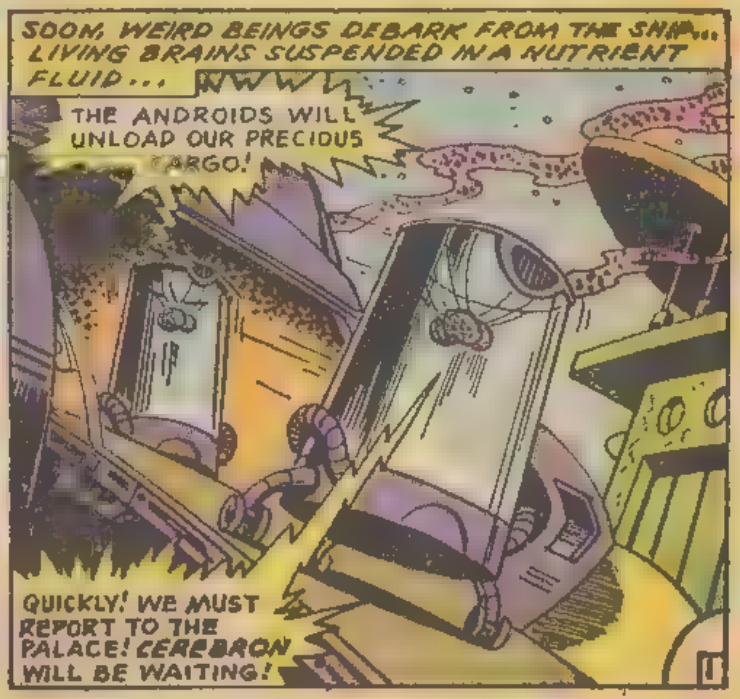
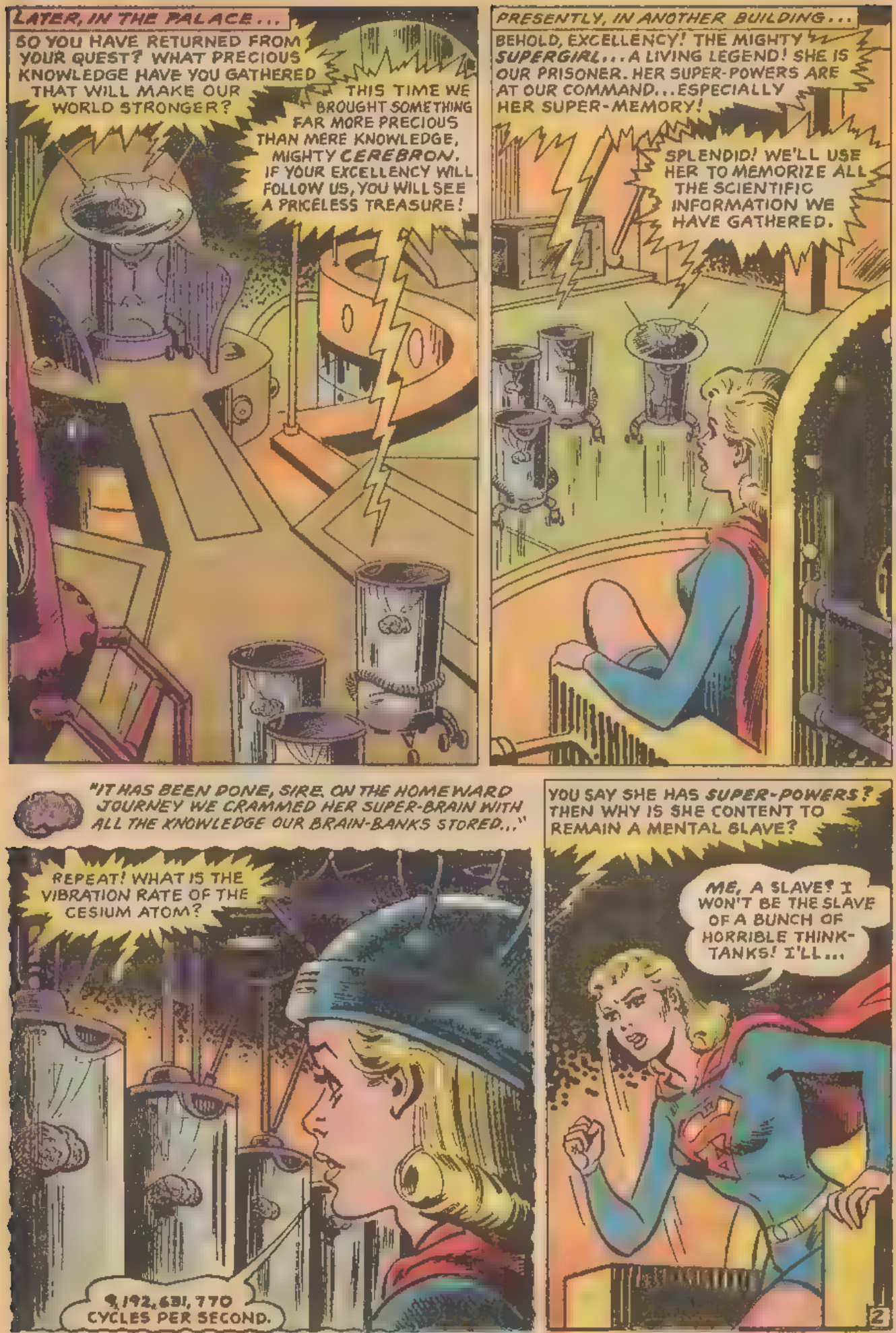

SUPERGIRL
HOW HOT IS THE DOUBLE SUN GAMMA IV?
DESCRIBE THE SPACE-FLEET OF THE PLANET XENAX!
THE SURFACE TEMPERATURE OF GAMMA IV AVERAGES 750,000 DEGREES!
XENAX HAS FOUR MOTHER-SHIPS EQUIPPED WITH SPACE-WARP DRIVE...40 INTERPLANETARY CRUISERS...20 SCOUT CRAFT...

TRAPPED ON A REMOTE PLANET, **SUPERGIRL** BECOMES THE MENTAL PRISONER OF A WEIRD RACE! AND NOW HER MIGHTY BRAIN HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A LIVING LIBRARY OF VITAL INFORMATION THAT IS HELPING HER CAPTORS CONQUER THE UNIVERSE. SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN **SUPERGIRL** BECOMES A VICTIM OF...

"THE BRAIN-STEALERS!"

IN A REMOTE GALAXY, AS A STRANGE SPACECRAFT HURTLES TOWARD AN EERIE PLANET...
THERE IT IS, ZORKIA, OUR NATIVE WORLD!
HOW GOOD TO BE HOME AT LAST AFTER OUR LONG STAR-TREK.


SOON, WEIRD BEINGS DEBARK FROM THE SHIP... LIVING BRAINS SUSPENDED IN A NUTRIENT FLUID...
THE ANDROIDS WILL UNLOAD OUR PRECIOUS CARGO!
QUICKLY! WE MUST REPORT TO THE PALACE! CEREBRON WILL BE WAITING!


LATER, IN THE PALACE...
SO YOU HAVE RETURNED FROM YOUR QUEST? WHAT PRECIOUS KNOWLEDGE HAVE YOU GATHERED THAT WILL MAKE OUR WORLD STRONGER?
THIS TIME WE BROUGHT SOMETHING FAR MORE PRECIOUS THAN MERE KNOWLEDGE, MIGHTY CEREBRON. IF YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL FOLLOW US, YOU WILL SEE A PRICELESS TREASURE!
PRESENTLY, IN ANOTHER BUILDING...
BEHOLD, EXCELLENCY! THE MIGHTY SUPERGIRL... A LIVING LEGEND! SHE IS OUR PRISONER. HER SUPER-POWERS ARE AT OUR COMMAND... ESPECIALLY HER SUPER-MEMORY!
SPLENDID! WE'LL USE HER TO MEMORIZE ALL THE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION WE HAVE GATHERED.
"IT HAS BEEN DONE, SIRE. ON THE HOMEWARD JOURNEY WE CRAMMED HER SUPER-BRAIN WITH ALL THE KNOWLEDGE OUR BRAIN-BANKS STORED..."
REPEAT! WHAT IS THE VIBRATION RATE OF THE CESIUM ATOM?
9,192,631,770 CYCLES PER SECOND.
YOU SAY SHE HAS SUPER-POWERS? THEN WHY IS SHE CONTENT TO REMAIN A MENTAL SLAVE?
ME, A SLAVE? I WON'T BE THE SLAVE OF A BUNCH OF HORRIBLE THINK-TANKS! I'LL...
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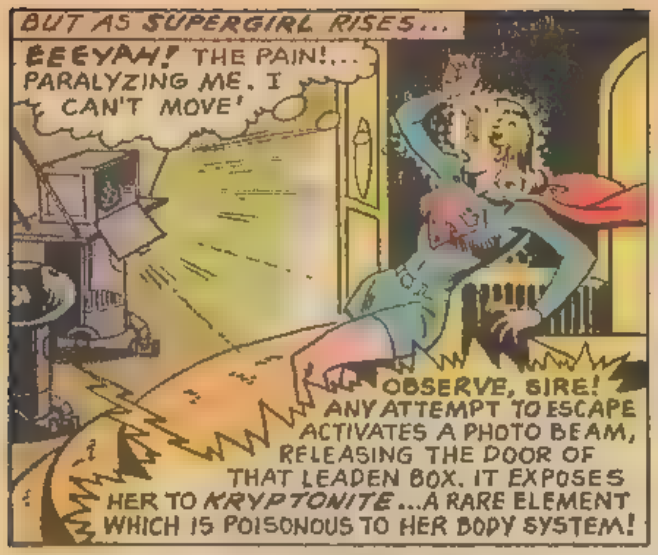
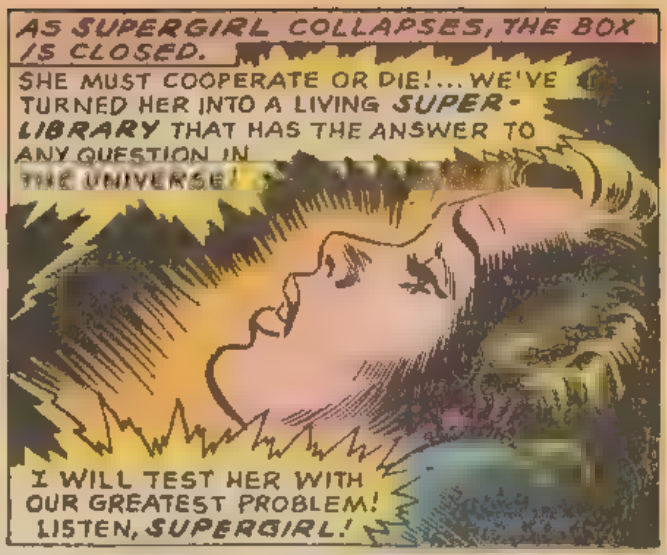
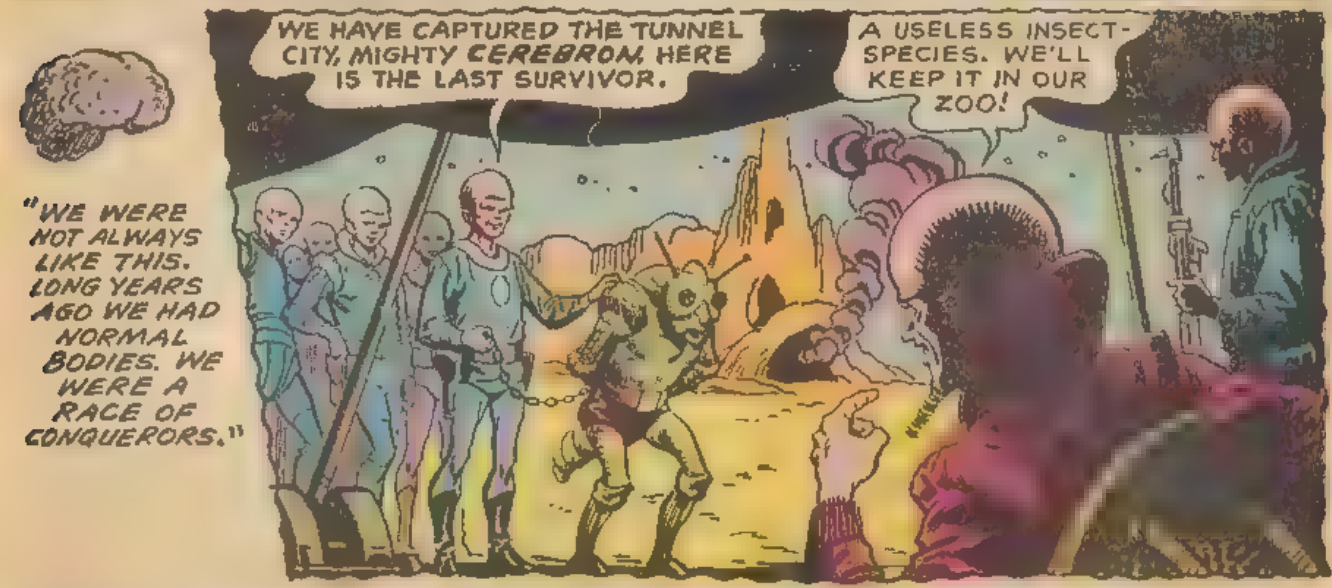
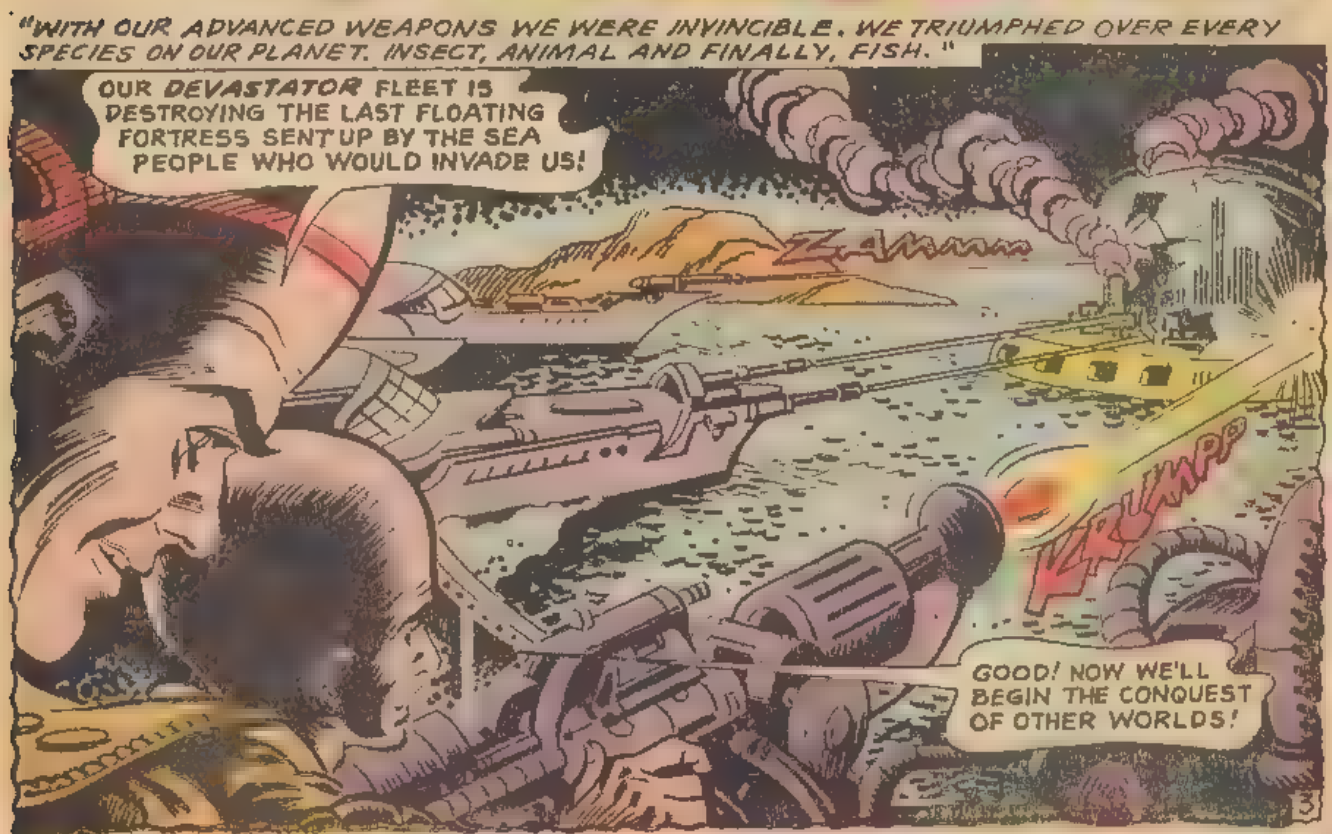
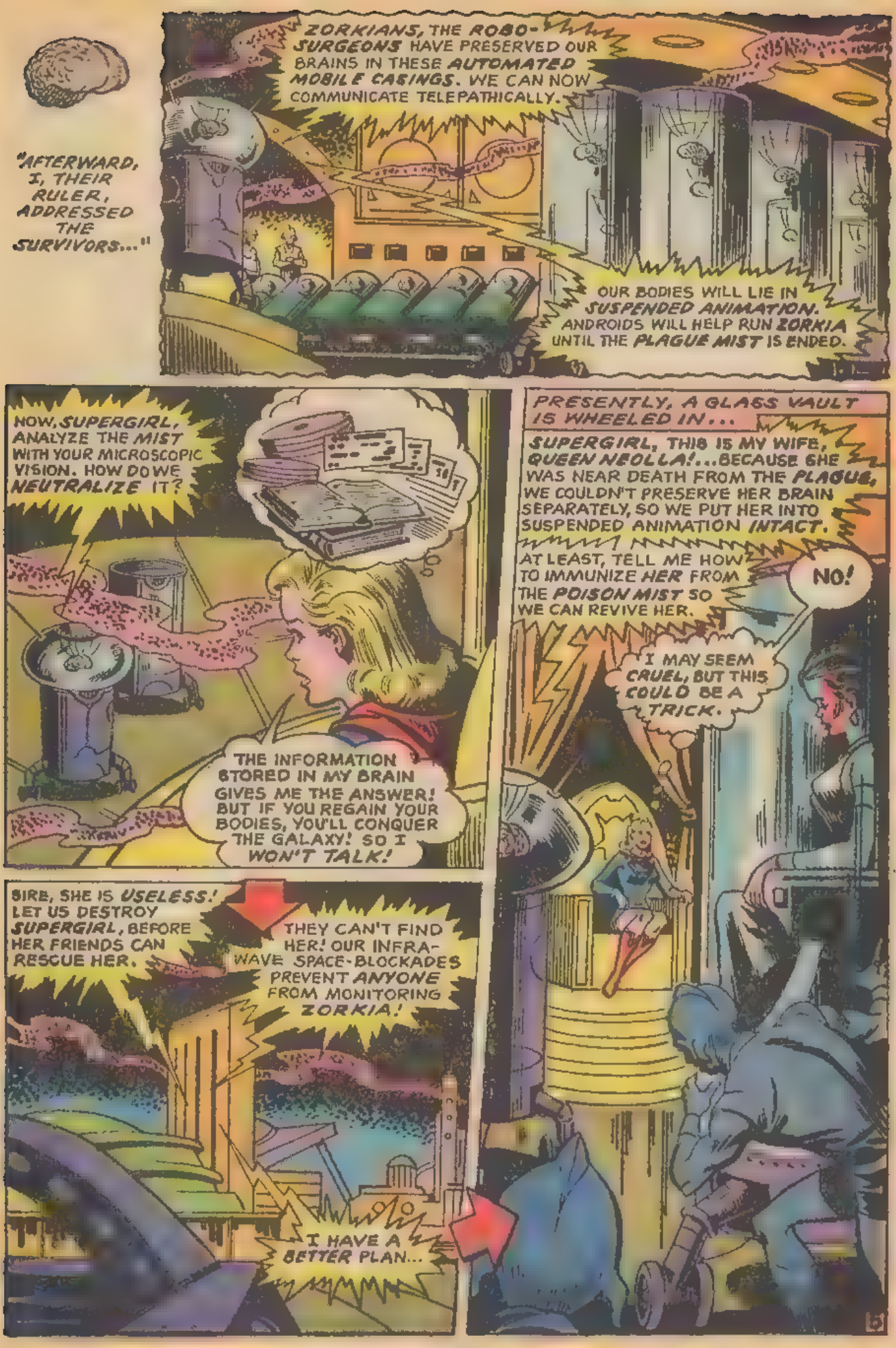

BUT AS SUPERGIRL RISES...
EEEYAH! THE PAIN!... PARALYZING ME. I CAN'T MOVE!
OBSERVE, SIRE! ANY ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE ACTIVATES A PHOTO BEAM, RELEASING THE DOOR OF THAT LEADEN BOX. IT EXPOSES HER TO KRYPTONITE...A RARE ELEMENT WHICH IS POISONOUS TO HER BODY SYSTEM!

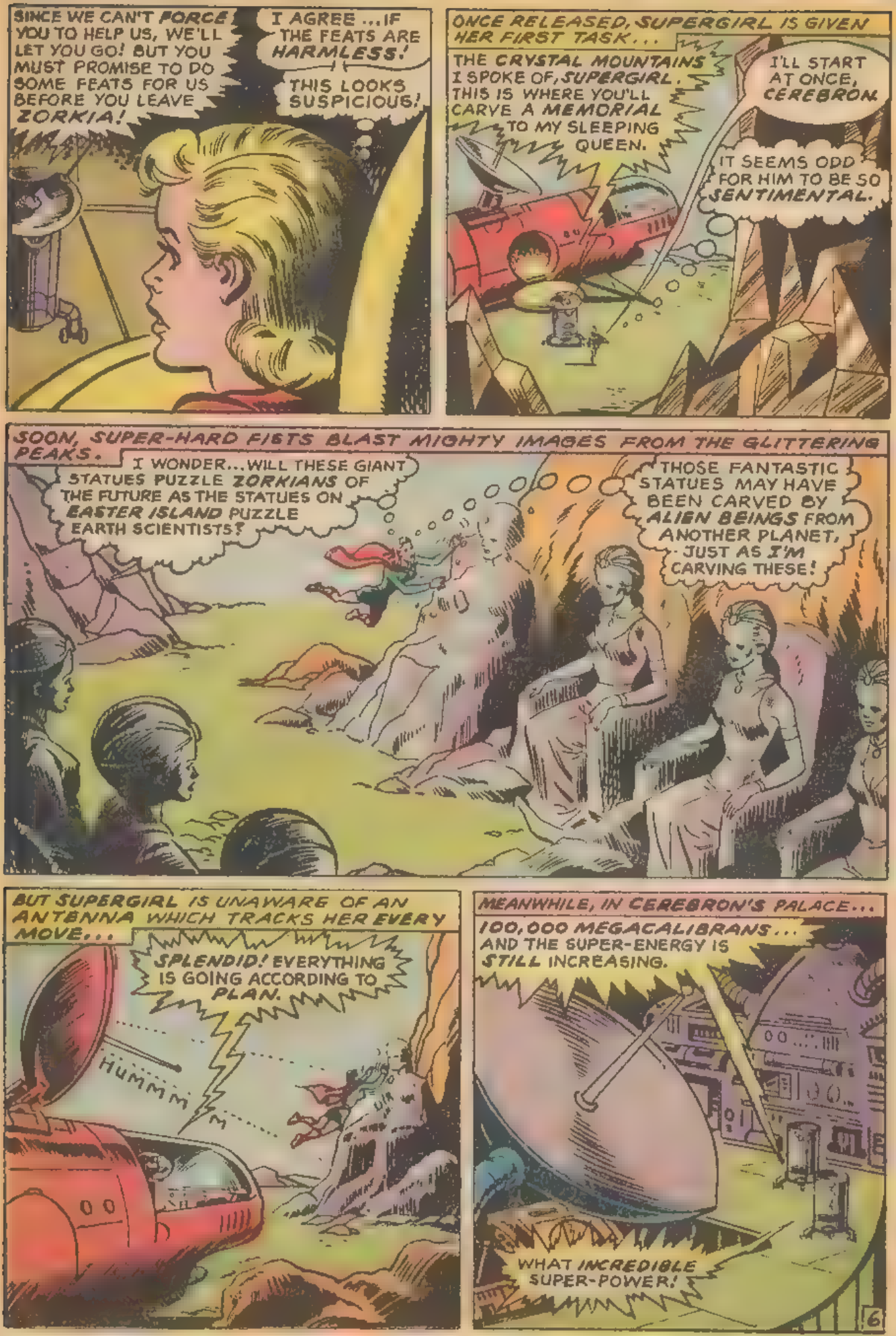

AS SUPERGIRL COLLAPSES, THE BOX IS CLOSED.
SHE MUST COOPERATE OR DIE!... WE'VE TURNED HER INTO A LIVING SUPER-LIBRARY THAT HAS THE ANSWER TO ANY QUESTION IN THE UNIVERSE!
I WILL TEST HER WITH OUR GREATEST PROBLEM! LISTEN, SUPERGIRL!


"WE WERE NOT ALWAYS LIKE THIS. LONG YEARS AGO WE HAD NORMAL BODIES. WE WERE A RACE OF CONQUERORS."
WE HAVE CAPTURED THE TUNNEL CITY, MIGHTY CEREBROM. HERE IS THE LAST SURVIVOR.
A USELESS INSECT-SPECIES. WE'LL KEEP IT IN OUR ZOO!


"WITH OUR ADVANCED WEAPONS WE WERE INVINCIBLE. WE TRIUMPHED OVER EVERY SPECIES ON OUR PLANET. INSECT, ANIMAL AND FINALLY, FISH."
OUR DEVASTATOR FLEET IS DESTROYING THE LAST FLOATING FORTRESS SENT UP BY THE SEA PEOPLE WHO WOULD INVADE US!
ZAAAAAAA
KRUMP!
GOOD! NOW WE'LL BEGIN THE CONQUEST OF OTHER WORLDS!

"BUT THE DYING SEA-PEOPLE PLANNED A TERRIBLE RETALIATION..."
THEY'VE WIPED US ALL OUT! BUT WE'LL GET REVENGE!
YES, PISCOR! WHEN THE WIND SCATTERS THESE PLANT-SPORES INTO THEIR ATMOSPHERE, WE SHALL HAVE OUR VENGEANCE!
"MASTERS OF BIO-WARFARE, THE SEA CREATURES HAD LEFT A DEADLY WEAPON BEHIND THEM..."
POWFF
ANOTHER FIELD OF AIRBORNE PLAGUE-SPORES! RUN! RUN!
"SOON OUR ATMOSPHERE WAS CONTAMINATED WITH A DEADLY MIST..."
THE PLAGUE MIST--IT WILL KILL US ALL...OUR SCIENTISTS HAVE FOUND NO CURE.
THEY SAY THERE'S ONE CHANCE TO SURVIVE..AN EXPERIMENT THEY'RE TRYING IN THE ROYAL LABORATORY...IF ONLY IT WORKS IN TIME!
"LUCKILY OUR SCIENTISTS HAD DEVISED A FANTASTIC OPERATION, PERFORMED BY AUTOMATED SURGERY..."
FASTER! WE MUST WORK FASTER BEFORE THAT POISONOUS MIST DESTROYS US ALL.


"AFTERWARD, I, THEIR RULER, ADDRESSED THE SURVIVORS..."
ZORKIANS, THE ROBO-SURGEONS HAVE PRESERVED OUR BRAINS IN THESE AUTOMATED MOBILE CASINGS. WE CAN NOW COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY.
OUR BODIES WILL LIE IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION. ANDROIDS WILL HELP RUN ZORKIA UNTIL THE PLAGUE MIST IS ENDED.
NOW, SUPERGIRL, ANALYZE THE MIST WITH YOUR MICROSCOPIC VISION. HOW DO WE NEUTRALIZE IT?
THE INFORMATION STORED IN MY BRAIN GIVES ME THE ANSWER! BUT IF YOU REGAIN YOUR BODIES, YOU'LL CONQUER THE GALAXY! SO I WON'T TALK!
PRESENTLY, A GLASS VAULT IS WHEELED IN...
SUPERGIRL, THIS IS MY WIFE, QUEEN NEOLLA!...BECAUSE SHE WAS NEAR DEATH FROM THE PLAGUE, WE COULDN'T PRESERVE HER BRAIN SEPARATELY, SO WE PUT HER INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION INTACT.
AT LEAST, TELL ME HOW TO IMMUNIZE HER FROM THE POISON MIST SO WE CAN REVIVE HER.
NO!
I MAY SEEM CRUEL, BUT THIS COULD BE A TRICK.
SIRE, SHE IS USELESS! LET US DESTROY SUPERGIRL, BEFORE HER FRIENDS CAN RESCUE HER.
THEY CAN'T FIND HER! OUR INFRA-WAVE SPACE-BLOCKADES PREVENT ANYONE FROM MONITORING ZORKIA!
I HAVE A BETTER PLAN...


SINCE WE CAN'T FORCE YOU TO HELP US, WE'LL LET YOU GO! BUT YOU MUST PROMISE TO DO SOME FEATS FOR US BEFORE YOU LEAVE ZORKIA!
I AGREE ...IF THE FEATS ARE HARMLESS!
THIS LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!
ONCE RELEASED, SUPERGIRL IS GIVEN HER FIRST TASK...
THE CRYSTAL MOUNTAINS I SPOKE OF, SUPERGIRL. THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL CARVE A MEMORIAL TO MY SLEEPING QUEEN.
I'LL START AT ONCE, CEREBRON.
IT SEEMS ODD FOR HIM TO BE SO SENTIMENTAL.
SOON, SUPER-HARD FISTS BLAST MIGHTY IMAGES FROM THE GLITTERING PEAKS.
I WONDER...WILL THESE GIANT STATUES PUZZLE ZORKIANS OF THE FUTURE AS THE STATUES ON EASTER ISLAND PUZZLE EARTH SCIENTISTS?
THOSE FANTASTIC STATUES MAY HAVE BEEN CARVED BY ALIEN BEINGS FROM ANOTHER PLANET, JUST AS I'M CARVING THESE!
BUT SUPERGIRL IS UNAWARE OF AN ANTENNA WHICH TRACKS HER EVERY MOVE...
SPLENDID! EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN.
HUMMM
MEANWHILE, IN CEREBRON'S PALACE...
100,000 MEGACALIBRANS... AND THE SUPER-ENERGY IS STILL INCREASING.
WHAT INCREDIBLE SUPER-POWER!
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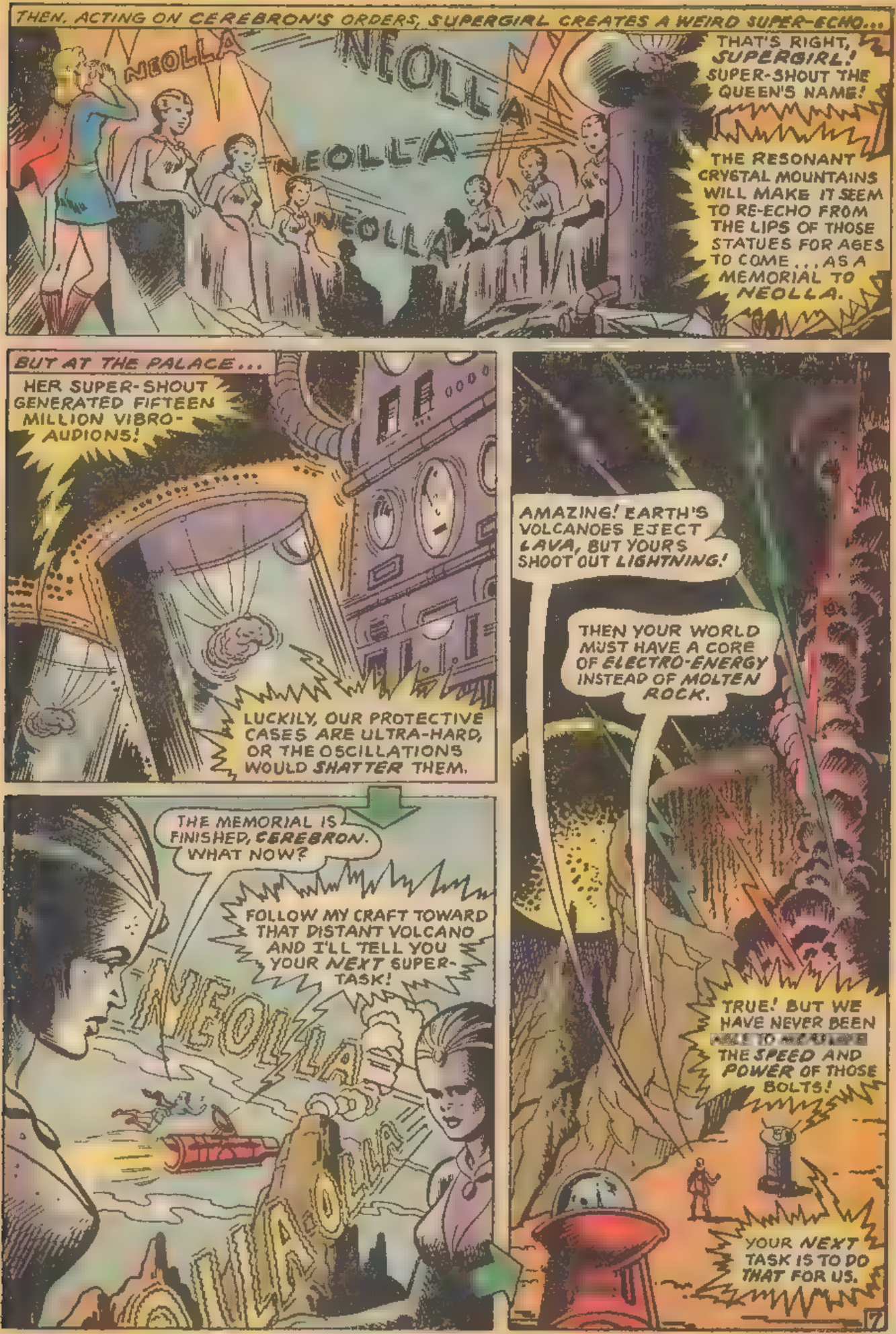
THEN, ACTING ON CEREBRON'S ORDERS, SUPERGIRL CREATES A WEIRD SUPER-ECHO...
NEOLLA
NEOLLA
NEOLLA
NEOLLA
THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERGIRL! SUPER-SHOUT THE QUEEN'S NAME!
THE RESONANT CRYSTAL MOUNTAINS WILL MAKE IT SEEM TO RE-ECHO FROM THE LIPS OF THOSE STATUES FOR AGES TO COME... AS A MEMORIAL TO NEOLLA.
BUT AT THE PALACE...
HER SUPER-SHOUT GENERATED FIFTEEN MILLION VIBRO-AUDIONS!
LUCKILY, OUR PROTECTIVE CASES ARE ULTRA-HARD, OR THE OSCILLATIONS WOULD SHATTER THEM.
AMAZING! EARTH'S VOLCANOES EJECT LAVA, BUT YOURS SHOOT OUT LIGHTNING!
THEN YOUR WORLD MUST HAVE A CORE OF ELECTRO-ENERGY INSTEAD OF MOLTEN ROCK.
THE MEMORIAL IS FINISHED, CEREBRON. WHAT NOW?
FOLLOW MY CRAFT TOWARD THAT DISTANT VOLCANO AND I'LL TELL YOU YOUR NEXT SUPER-TASK!
NEOLLA
TRUE! BUT WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO MEASURE THE SPEED AND POWER OF THOSE BOLTS!
YOUR NEXT TASK IS TO DO THAT FOR US.
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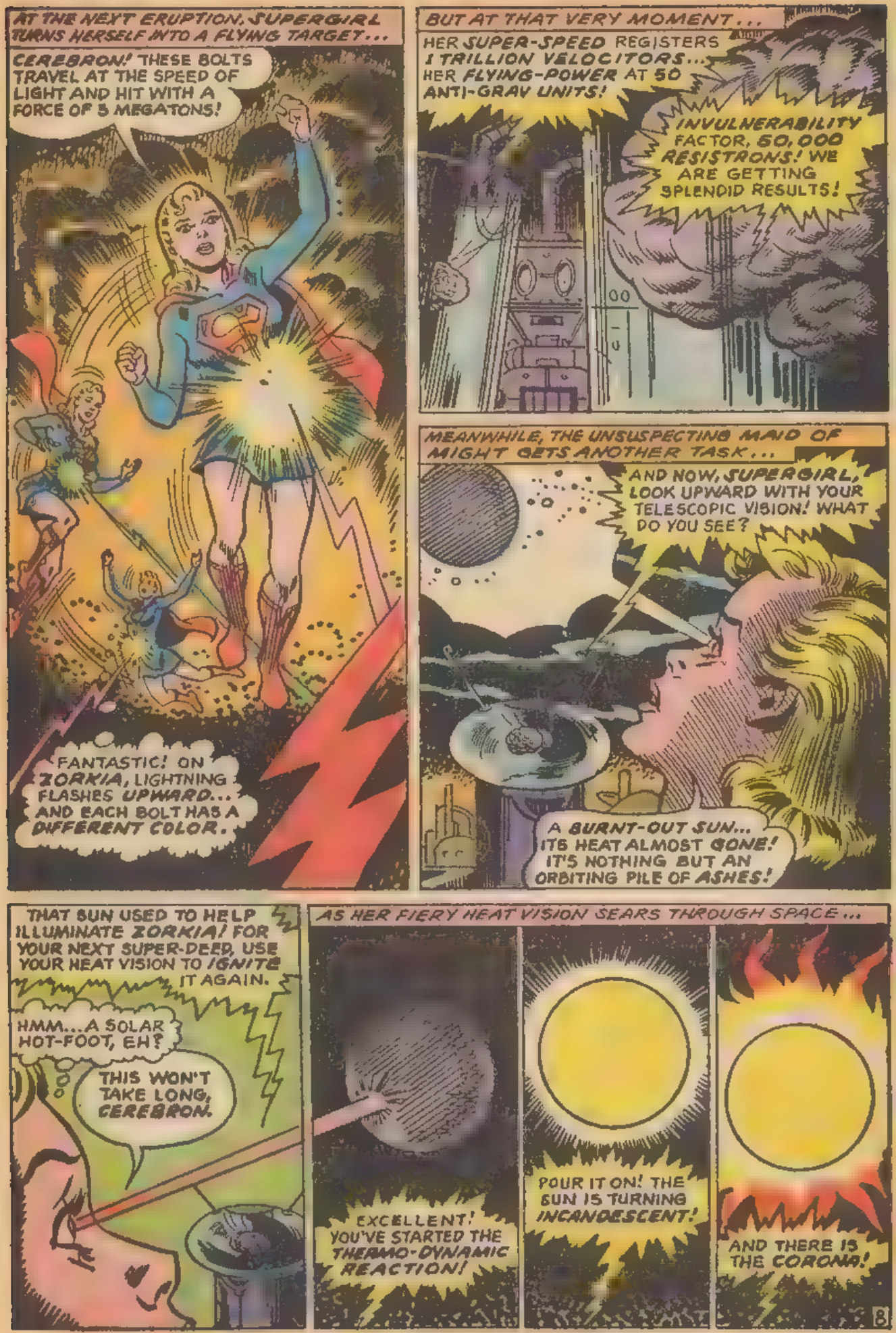
AT THE NEXT ERUPTION, SUPERGIRL TURNS HERSELF INTO A FLYING TARGET...
CEREBRON! THESE BOLTS TRAVEL AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT AND HIT WITH A FORCE OF 5 MEGATONS!
FANTASTIC! ON ZORKIA, LIGHTNING FLASHES UPWARD... AND EACH BOLT HAS A DIFFERENT COLOR.
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
HER SUPER-SPEED REGISTERS 1 TRILLION VELOCITORS... HER FLYING-POWER AT 50 ANTI-GRAV UNITS!
INVULNERABILITY FACTOR, 50,000 RESISTRONS! WE ARE GETTING SPLENDID RESULTS!
MEANWHILE, THE UNSUSPECTING MAID OF MIGHT GETS ANOTHER TASK...
AND NOW, SUPERGIRL, LOOK UPWARD WITH YOUR TELESCOPIC VISION! WHAT DO YOU SEE?
A BURNT-OUT SUN... ITS HEAT ALMOST GONE! IT'S NOTHING BUT AN ORBITING PILE OF ASHES!
THAT SUN USED TO HELP ILLUMINATE ZORKIA! FOR YOUR NEXT SUPER-DEED, USE YOUR HEAT VISION TO IGNITE IT AGAIN.
HMM...A SOLAR HOT-FOOT, EH?
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG, CEREBRON.
AS HER FIERY HEAT VISION SEARS THROUGH SPACE...
EXCELLENT! YOU'VE STARTED THE THERMO-DYNAMIC REACTION!
POUR IT ON! THE SUN IS TURNING INCANDESCENT!
AND THERE IS THE CORONA!
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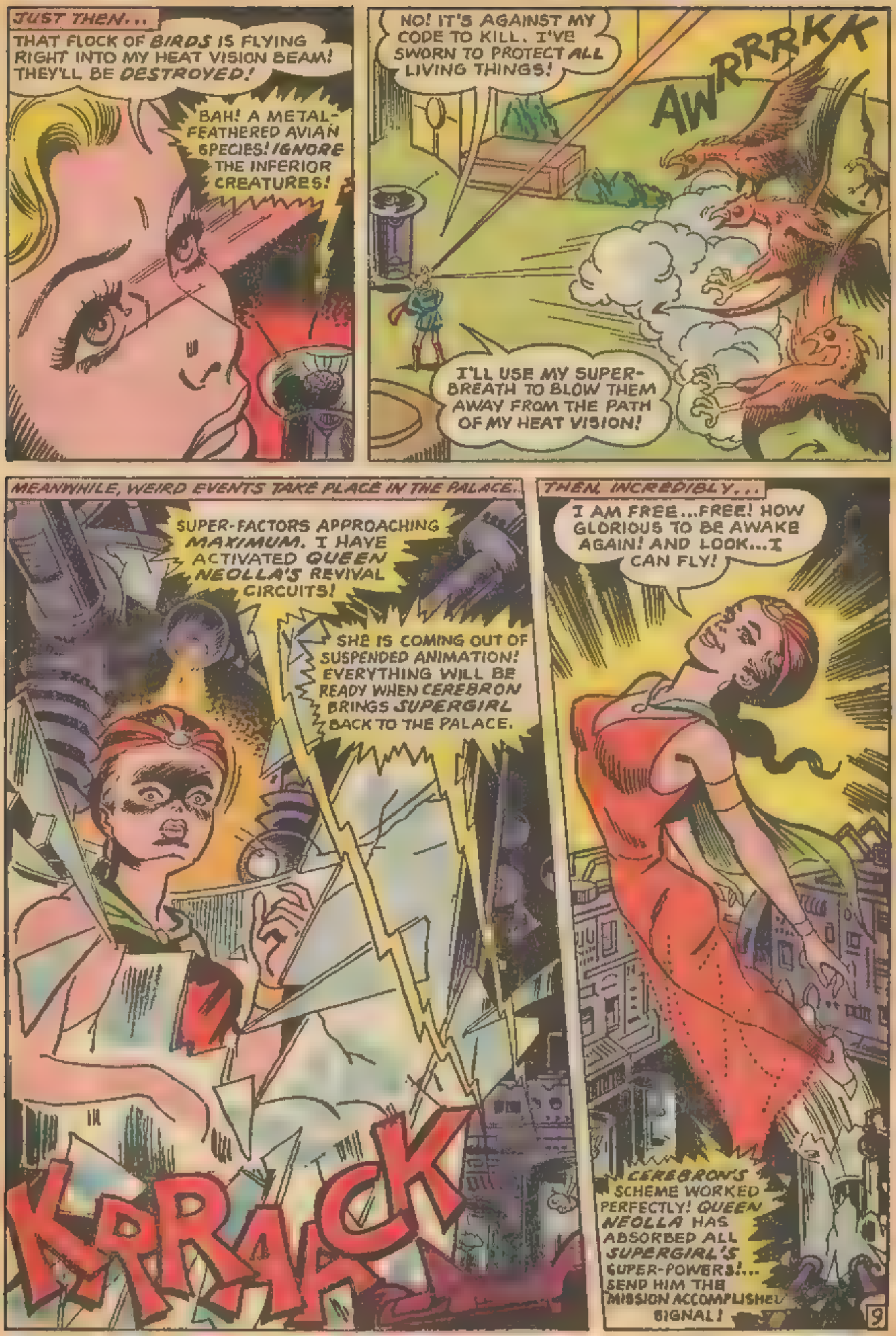
JUST THEN...
THAT FLOCK OF BIRDS IS FLYING RIGHT INTO MY HEAT VISION BEAM! THEY'LL BE DESTROYED!
BAH! A METAL-FEATHERED AVIAN SPECIES! IGNORE THE INFERIOR CREATURES!
NO! IT'S AGAINST MY CODE TO KILL. I'VE SWORN TO PROTECT ALL LIVING THINGS!
AWRRRKK
I'LL USE MY SUPER-BREATH TO BLOW THEM AWAY FROM THE PATH OF MY HEAT VISION!
MEANWHILE, WEIRD EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE PALACE..
SUPER-FACTORS APPROACHING MAXIMUM. I HAVE ACTIVATED QUEEN NEOLLA'S REVIVAL CIRCUITS!
SHE IS COMING OUT OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION! EVERYTHING WILL BE READY WHEN CEREBRON BRINGS SUPERGIRL BACK TO THE PALACE.
KRRAACK
THEN, INCREDIBLY...
I AM FREE...FREE! HOW GLORIOUS TO BE AWAKE AGAIN! AND LOOK...I CAN FLY!
CEREBRON'S SCHEME WORKED PERFECTLY! QUEEN NEOLLA HAS ABSORBED ALL SUPERGIRL'S SUPER-POWERS!... SEND HIM THE MISSION ACCOMPLISHED SIGNAL!
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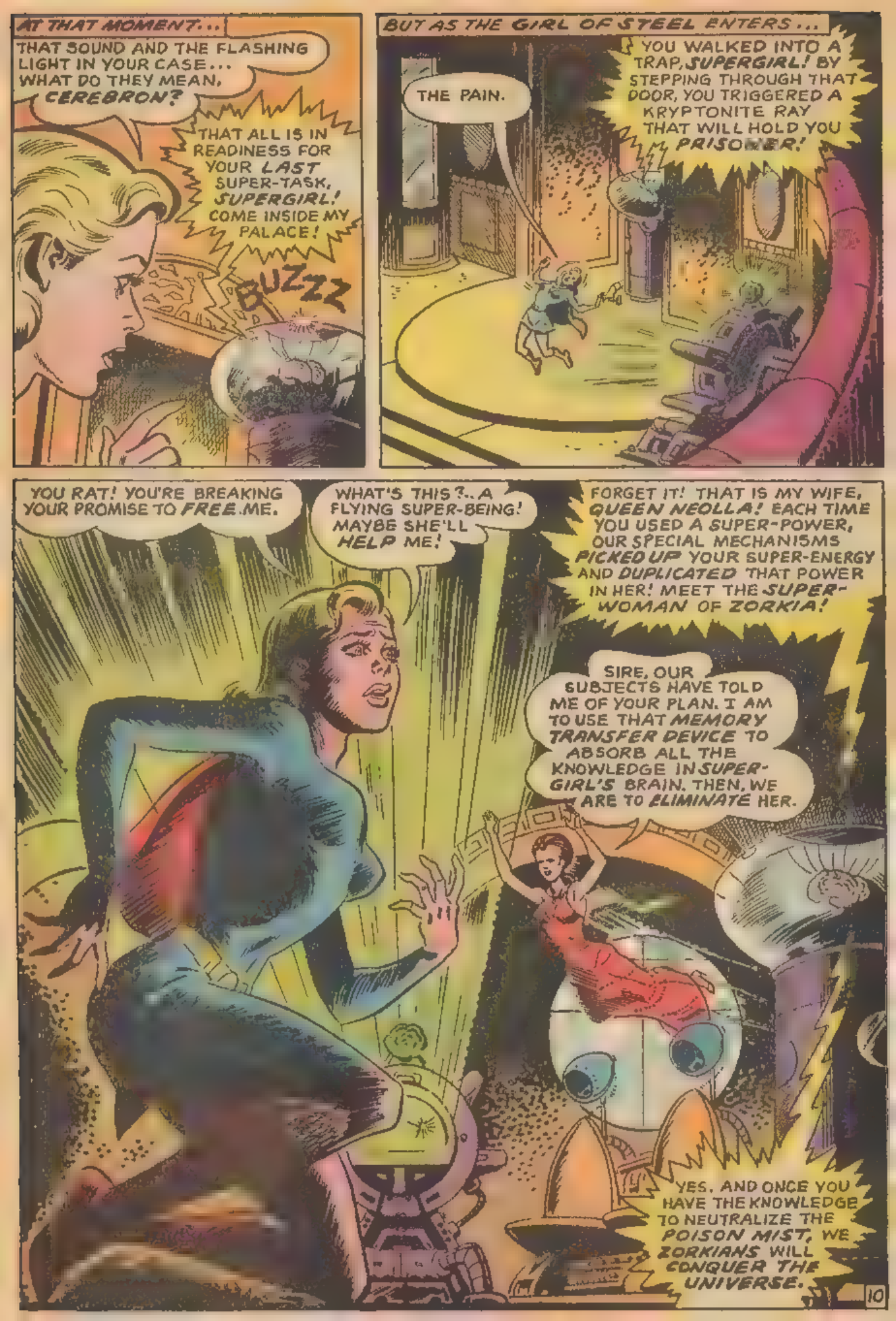
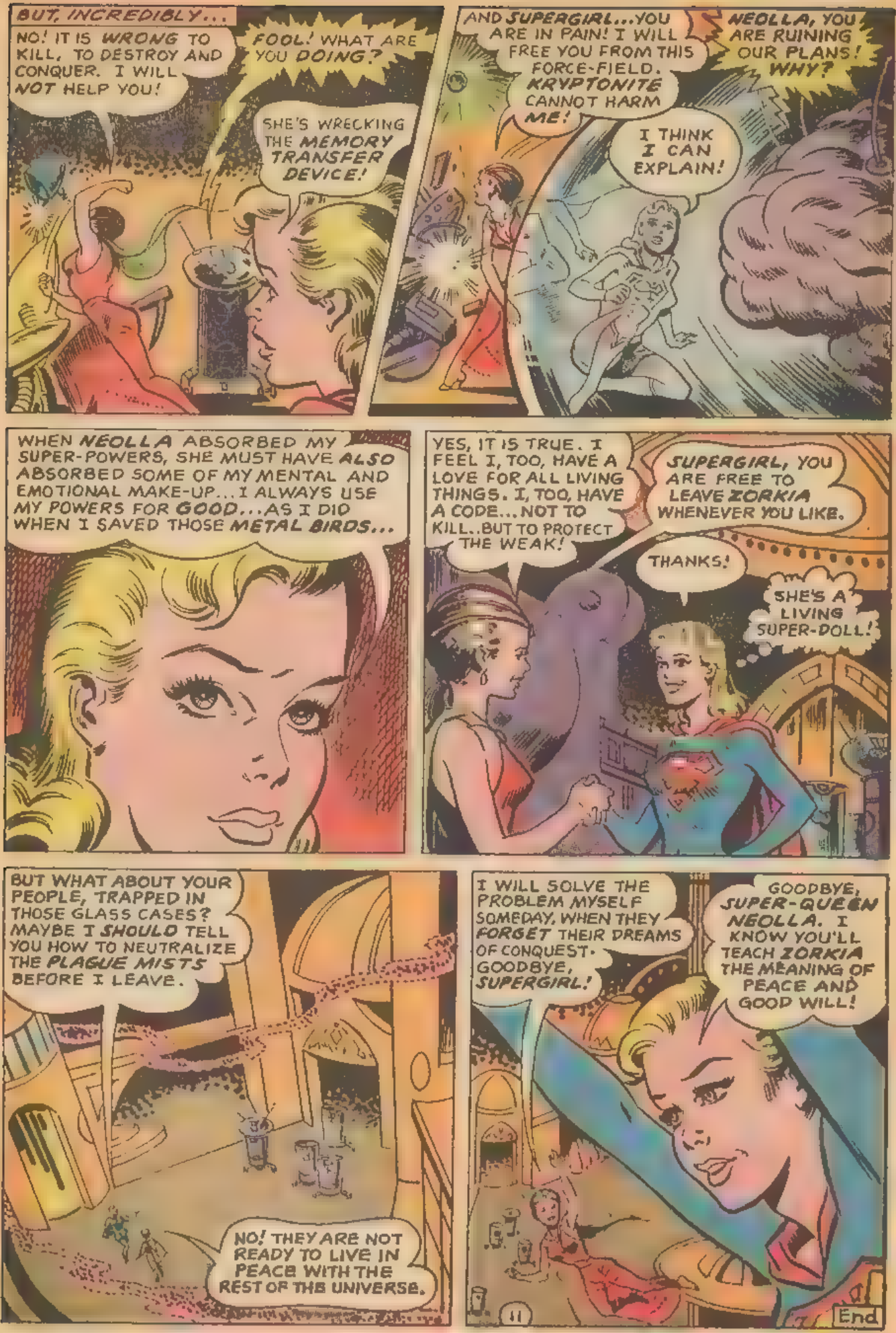

AT THAT MOMENT...
THAT SOUND AND THE FLASHING LIGHT IN YOUR CASE... WHAT DO THEY MEAN, CEREBRON?
THAT ALL IS IN READINESS FOR YOUR LAST SUPER-TASK, SUPERGIRL! COME INSIDE MY PALACE!
BUZZZ
BUT AS THE GIRL OF STEEL ENTERS...
THE PAIN.
YOU WALKED INTO A TRAP, SUPERGIRL! BY STEPPING THROUGH THAT DOOR, YOU TRIGGERED A KRYPTONITE RAY THAT WILL HOLD YOU PRISONER!
YOU RAT! YOU'RE BREAKING YOUR PROMISE TO FREE ME.
WHAT'S THIS?.. A FLYING SUPER-BEING! MAYBE SHE'LL HELP ME!
FORGET IT! THAT IS MY WIFE, QUEEN NEOLLA! EACH TIME YOU USED A SUPER-POWER, OUR SPECIAL MECHANISMS PICKED UP YOUR SUPER-ENERGY AND DUPLICATED THAT POWER IN HER! MEET THE SUPER-WOMAN OF ZORKIA!
SIRE, OUR SUBJECTS HAVE TOLD ME OF YOUR PLAN. I AM TO USE THAT MEMORY TRANSFER DEVICE TO ABSORB ALL THE KNOWLEDGE IN SUPER-GIRL'S BRAIN. THEN, WE ARE TO ELIMINATE HER.
YES. AND ONCE YOU HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO NEUTRALIZE THE POISON MIST, WE ZORKIANS WILL CONQUER THE UNIVERSE.


BUT, INCREDIBLY...
NO! IT IS WRONG TO KILL, TO DESTROY AND CONQUER. I WILL NOT HELP YOU!
FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SHE'S WRECKING THE MEMORY TRANSFER DEVICE!
AND SUPERGIRL...YOU ARE IN PAIN! I WILL FREE YOU FROM THIS FORCE-FIELD. KRYPTONITE CANNOT HARM ME!
NEOLLA, YOU ARE RUINING OUR PLANS! WHY?
I THINK I CAN EXPLAIN!
WHEN NEOLLA ABSORBED MY SUPER-POWERS, SHE MUST HAVE ALSO ABSORBED SOME OF MY MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL MAKE-UP...I ALWAYS USE MY POWERS FOR GOOD...AS I DID WHEN I SAVED THOSE METAL BIRDS...
YES, IT IS TRUE. I FEEL I, TOO, HAVE A LOVE FOR ALL LIVING THINGS. I, TOO, HAVE A CODE...NOT TO KILL..BUT TO PROTECT THE WEAK!
SUPERGIRL, YOU ARE FREE TO LEAVE ZORKIA WHENEVER YOU LIKE.
THANKS!
SHE'S A LIVING SUPER-DOLL!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUR PEOPLE, TRAPPED IN THOSE GLASS CASES? MAYBE I SHOULD TELL YOU HOW TO NEUTRALIZE THE PLAGUE MISTS BEFORE I LEAVE.
NO! THEY ARE NOT READY TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
I WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM MYSELF SOMEDAY, WHEN THEY FORGET THEIR DREAMS OF CONQUEST. GOODBYE, SUPERGIRL!
GOODBYE, SUPER-QUEEN NEOLLA. I KNOW YOU'LL TEACH ZORKIA THE MEANING OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL!
End

Dear Editor: In the January issue, Sal Jacopelli said that in the story, "The Super-Human Bomb," Superman could have projected himself, with the bomb attached, into the Phantom Zone. But if he had, the bomb would have killed Superman and the Phantom Zone villains, because they have no powers in the Zone—right?

—Kevin Edwards, Pensacola, Fla.

(They also don't have any physical bodies to BE killed. In the Zone they're immaterial phantoms who are immune to harm—as we thought all our readers knew!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I really like the way you've jazzed up the DIRECT CURRENTS column by blowing it up to a full page and adding illustrations. We fans always like to get a preview of what's coming in our favorite mags, and this is a great teaser. Keep it coming! —Adam Long, Louisville, Ky.

(We will—but space limitations forced us to cut DIRECT CURRENTS from this issue. However, we'd like to take this opportunity to give you some previews of coming attractions in the Superman family. On the stands now is ADVENTURE No. 360, which features "The Legion Chain Gang." While the mighty Legionnaires slave in a prison camp, the Legion Espionage Squad plots to overthrow Earth's government! In LOIS LANE No. 78, our gal goes into the bottle-city of Kandor . . . and comes out with all Superman's powers! This one hits the stands Aug. 10th. SUPERBOY is turned into a super-monkey . . . and then a giant super-ape . . . in the October issue of his mag, on sale August 17th. The SUPERMAN-BATMAN GIANT, on sale Aug. 15th, features SIX top action tales. As for SUPERMAN, see the next letter.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: My friends and I—and that includes every kid in our neighborhood—have made flags of Krypton, Superman's home planet. This wasn't easy, because of all the different colors of cloth we needed—three shades of green, two of blue, plus red, orange, pink, yellow, purple and white. But the finished flags were beautiful! The globe of Krypton with the various colors radiating from it has a terrific effect. We plan to fly the flag every February 29, since you've told us that's Superman's birthday, and whenever the Superman family has an important anniversary. We ran them up the poles for the first time when ACTION No. 350 came out.

—Kenny Granger, Chicago, Ill.

(Better have 'em ready to fly August 3rd, then, because that's when SUPERMAN No. 200 goes on sale! It features the most astounding Imaginary Novel we've ever done—one in which Jor-El and Lara, Superman's parents, escape the destruction of Krypton . . . Brainiac is a HERO . . . and Kal-El, our Superman, has a brother! Yes, there are TWO Superman in this epic, which we call "Super-Brother Against Super-Brother!"—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I sure would hate to be Supergirl, because someone—usually an alien—is always learning her identity as Linda Danvers. For example: No. 346—a criminal gang learns her ID (though they got killed later); No. 347 (The SUPERGIRL GIANT)—an alien boy sees Linda using her superpowers; No. 348—the people of the planet Denek know Supergirl is Linda; No. 349—the aliens, Korbo and Jorka, are hip to her alter-ego. If those aliens ever tipped off any humans, Supergirl would be in a sorry plight. So let fewer of them know who she is, okay? —Dan Dias, Santa Clara, Calif.

(Hmm . . . we hadn't realized we'd had so many folks snooping out Supergirl's secret. We'll cut it out in the future—unless, of course, we come up with a sensational plot that *demands* it!—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Who writes the Superman stories for ACTION? Ever since the return of Wayne Boring to the mag, with his beautiful Golden Age view of Superman, the stories likewise have gained a Golden Age flavor. In recent issues, there was a story with a real message; a guy who deserved a fate worse than death was actually killed off; and the Clark Kent part of Superman's personality has been emphasized. Whoever the writer is, I hope he keeps it up. —David Lewin, Lomita, Calif.

(It isn't ONE writer, Dave—it's several. For instance, Otto Binder wrote our recent Zha-Vam stories, while Cary Bates authored this issue's Captain Incredible tale (which, incidentally, was illoed by Al Plastino.)—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In your Supergirl 80 PAGE GIANT, you say a dynamo supplies electricity for the telephones. The fact is that telephones use direct current, while a dynamo makes alternating current. Telephones get their electricity from huge storage batteries at the telephone company. Are you going to punish the writer?

—Mike Barnett, Charlotte, N.C.

(He deserves the electric chair! He should know the only current we use here is DC!—ED.)

Dear Editor: I love your heroes and have all the Aurora model kits featuring them. One of my favorites hasn't appeared in a model yet, but that didn't stop me. With parts from the Wonder Woman and Superman kits, I put together a customized model of my own—Supergirl! It's beautiful! I think other model-makes who are Supergirl fans might like to try the same thing.

—Ralph Stone, Boston, Mass.

(An excellent idea, for anyone with a little artistic talent. Obviously you're a *model fan!*—Ed.)

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